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IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please delete lines 7-8, and insert the following paragraph:

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--This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/322,478, filed May 28, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/087,125, filed May 29, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-48 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add claims 73-132:

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--73. An isolated nucleic acid that encodes a plant retroviral primer binding site comprising SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2.

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An isolated nucleic acid that encodes at least a portion of a plant retroelement and that comprises a nucleic acid selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a nucleic acid that is a plant retroelement primer binding site and that has at least 95% identity to SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said identity can be determined using the DNAsis computer program and default parameters;
- (b) a nucleic acid having SEQ ID NO:2; and
- (c) a nucleic acid complementary to SEQ ID NO:2.

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